22 July 2014

From the Principal’s Desk

Dear Parents and Caregivers

WELCOME BOORI PRYOR
This week and next week, we welcome our resident Children’s Author in Residence, Laureate Boori Pryor. Boori’s stories, which include relevant modern themes and messages for children, are well loved and recognized by most of our students. I know that they are looking forward to some time with Boori and his special brand of learning.

SCIENCE WEEK
Our resident Scientist, Mr Michael Browne, is preparing an exciting week of adventurous happenings in Science Week which commences on 16 August. All classes will be treated to some “whizzes, bangs and pops” with lots of Science theory and knowledge on the side. Watch this space for more information closer to the event.

SCHOOL OPINION SURVEY
Today, included with your newsletter, is a letter regarding the School Opinion Survey for 2014. This year, for the first time, all families have the opportunity to respond to the survey online. Please note that there are no paper (hard) copies of the School Opinion Survey this year.

We have enjoyed excellent results in our School Opinion Survey for the last 3 years or so and we always use the information provided to continue to improve our practice. I encourage everyone to take the 10 minutes or so to complete the survey before 03 August when the survey closes.

SCHOOL ANNUAL REPORT
The School Annual Report for 2013 is now up on our school website for your perusal. This report contains information about our targets and achievements from the last school year and includes online links to sites such as the My School website where you can gain up to date information on our school’s performance against other schools in Queensland and Australia.

TRANSITION TO HIGH SCHOOL
I would also like to remind parents of CURRENT YEAR 6 STUDENTS about the information sessions to be held at Kirwan State High School. Please note:

Tuesday 22 July – Year 6 into 7 Information Night
These will be held at 7:00pm in the Kirwan State High School Performing Arts Centre TONIGHT. We have been informed by the high school that, if you missed the session last night which was for current Year 7 students, then you are still welcome to attend tonight as much of the same information will be covered.

Yesterday, we were treated to a visit from Mr John Livingstone, Executive Principal of Kirwan State High School and Mr Murray James, Principal Junior Secondary at Kirwan State High School. They were able to provide a brief overview of the programs on offer at Kirwan High for Year 7s and 8s in 2015 and beyond, and answer questions from students who received an enrolment pack. Please note timelines for application to excellence programs particularly if you live outside the Kirwan High catchment area.

Until next week ... Kind regards

Melissa Jackson
Principal
From the Deputy Principal - Tony Woodhouse

STUDENTS, HAVE YOUR SAY!

All Queensland students from Prep to Year 12 are invited to have their say on the future of education in Queensland. The Queensland Government wants to hear your suggestions on how we can ensure all students are given the best education and outcomes.

Students are invited to submit video feedback on the seven Queensland Education Accord student questions. This feedback will contribute to the development of the Queensland Education Accord, a 30-year vision for education in Queensland. Chosen entries will be shown at the Queensland Education Accord Summit on 25 September 2014 and will go into the draw to win one of four $50 iTunes vouchers.

Entries close Friday 8 August 2014.

To assist with the preparation of your video please refer to:

- Student engagement fact sheet 754K (accessible version 2.8M)
- Project consent form 354K (accessible version 933K)

How to enter

1. Film a short piece to camera (45 - 60 seconds) providing your thoughts on one of the seven Queensland Education Accord student questions (one video per question).
2. Create an account on the student_video_submission website.
3. Enter student and parent/guardian contact information.
4. Upload your video (maximum 50MB and recorded in MP3, MP4, M4V, AVI or WMV format). Only one video can be uploaded per question.
5. Upload a copy of the Project consent form 354K signed by a parent or guardian. For your entry to be valid we will need a signed project consent form.

Submit video and have your say on the future of education in Queensland.

More information about the Queensland Education Accord is available or to access the links above please visit http://deta.qld.gov.au/about/educationaccord/.

Tony Woodhouse – Deputy Principal

Kirwan’s Achievers

Congratulations to the following students who were the proud winners of the Student of the Week award for their class recently.

PrepA  Yee Matara  3C  Jal Cope
PrepB  Phoenix Rogers  3C  Layla Perfect
PrepC  Isla Mawby  3D  Keely Blackford
PrepD  Chelsea Meehan  3E  Phoebe Hughes
PrepE  Caleb Paige  3E  Irene Mulilo
PrepF  Laura Oliver  4A  Isabelle Johnson-Briggs
PrepF  Taehya Chong  4A  Zachary Maltby
1A  Olivia McGregor  4B  Haloma Williams
1B  Brodie Ernst  4C  Georgia Eustace
1C  Georgia Wotherspoon  4D  Maxwell Cohen
1D  Jirair Splawinski  5B  Zane Prince
1E  Montel Geia  5B  Nathan Rushton-Simpson
2A  Lara Saymanski  5C  Sulé Tschirig
2B  Zach Omar  5C  Madison Lourie
2C  Madalyn Beaucamp  5D  Landon Foskett-Parsons
2D  Hyun Seo Yoon  6A  Darnell Geia
2D  Jessica Harrison  6B  Tori Tasker
2E  Imogen Evans  6C  Zakiya Jennings
3A  Dakota Ato  6C  Mason Winter
3A  Jayella Cohen  6D  Joshua Wylly
3B  Jake Nona  6/E/7C  Hayley Fraser

NQ Selection

Emily Ohl, Kia Mills, Demica Targett, Holly Doran, Kaitlyn Tkacz and Courtney Reynolds competed in North Queensland Trials for Softball yesterday and Sunday. Congratulations to Kaitlyn Tkacz and Courtney Reynolds who have been selected in the North Queensland Softball Team.

From the Deputy Principal – Trish McEvey

UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD'S REPORT CARD

Semester 1 report cards have now been issued and sent home with students.

Like most Queensland State Schools, Kirwan State School teachers teach units of work devised by our department to enact and teach the Australian Curriculum in the areas of English, Maths, Science, History and Geography. Assessment tasks within these units allow teachers to make judgements about how well students are currently achieving against the Australian Standard.

Due to the implementation of this new curriculum and standard, you may see differences in your child’s achievement grades.

In previous years, schools and teachers would design their own units based on the current curriculum and their knowledge of what counts as an A, B, C etc. However, at this point in time we have an agreed Australian Curriculum and Achievement Standard. In a nutshell, this means that teachers are expected to make judgements about student achievement using predetermined criteria set against a national standard.

The achievement standards are written at a ‘C’ standard and are typical of what a successful student knows and can do by the end of that year level. So a ‘C’ means that the student has consistently demonstrated knowledge and understanding of the curriculum taught to date at year level standard.

In a nutshell, a ‘C’ is exactly where the typical student needs to be.

With this in mind, it may simply be a lot harder to get an ‘A’ or a ‘B’. To achieve an overall ‘A’ or ‘B’ students need to consistently demonstrate knowledge, skill and understanding at a higher standard than a typical student. If your child has received a ‘D’, he or she may still be capable of achieving a ‘C’ by the end of the year. Furthermore, this means that it may not be reliable to compare students’ previous year level grades with the current grades.

For more information on the Australian Curriculum and Standards, visit http://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au/.

Trish McEvey – Acting Deputy Principal

Term & Vacation Times For 2014 and 2015

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When walking around the school grounds please use the designated pathways.
This is part of our school’s Workplace Health and Safety Policy.

SafeST Committee Email Address

For any safety concerns email: safety@kirwanss.eq.edu.au
## Red Track Training Sessions

Students are expected to attend as many training sessions as possible for the events they have been selected for. Please see Mrs Talbot if students cannot attend training sessions. Junior Sprint Training is for our 7-9 year olds and Senior Sprint Training is for our 10-13 year olds.

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### Emma Talbot – HPE Teacher

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**Music News**

**BOYS’ POP GROUP**

Mrs Ransom and Mr Curro are looking for more boys interested in joining a boys pop group! Come along on Tuesday mornings at 8:00am in the Music Room if you are interested.

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**P&C Pieces**

- Jumpers have finally arrived and look fantastic. Thank you to Mel Cosser for all her hard work in organising and ordering these.
- The next P&C general meeting is Tuesday 19 August at 7:00pm in the staffroom.

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**Fete - 24 October 2014**

- There are only 13 weeks until the fete. Please consider if you are able to help on your child’s class stall and let your child’s teacher know.
- Our next fete meeting will be held on Tuesday 29 July at 7:00pm in the staffroom. Everyone is welcome.

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**Fete Sponsor Of The Week**

A huge thank you to Harold’s Seafood Cannon Park for their kind donation. Please support those who support us.

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**Important Dates - Prep Enrolments 2015**

- 21 July – Prep Bookings Open
- 1-19 September – Prep Interviews with Admin
- 30 October – Prep Information Sessions – 9:30am & 6:30pm
- 31 October – Prep Come and Try Day – 9:15-10:50am
- 8 December – Whole School Transition (Preppies 9:15-10:50am)

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**Tuckshop Talk**

| Jul 23 | Carol, Michelle (½ day) |
| Jul 24 | Leanne, Leah, Emma (½ day) |
| Jul 25 | Jo |
| Jul 28 | Murdock Madness |
| Jul 29 | Jennis, Fiona |

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**Year 6/7 Parent Committee**

- Chocolate money is now overdue. If you have any school or defence queries please come in and see us at the defence room. Our next Parent Chat Group will be on 29 July at 2:00pm in the Defence Room. See you all out and about...

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**Office Hours Strictly 8:00am – 3:30pm**

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**Kirwan’s email address:** admin@kirwanss.eq.edu.au

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**Kirwan School Phone Number - 4799.1888**